Amount due to be paid to the individuals Sandalwood loans in the South Coorg Division.

*Q.—828. Sri A. P. APPANNA (Virajpet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) how much amount is due to be paid to the individuals as sandalwood loans and to how many people in the South Coorg Division of the Forest Department ;

(*b*) since how long the same is pending to be paid and what is the reason for the same ?

A.—Sri B. RACHIAH (Minister for Forests and Fisheries).—

(*a*) Nil.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Supplying of diesel oil engines to the ryots on hire-purchase basis under the liberalised scheme in the State.

*Q.—839. Sri V. MASIYAPPA (Hiriyur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are supplying diesel oil engines to the ryots on hire-purchase basis under the liberalised scheme in the State ?

(*b*) if so, the number of diesel oil engines supplied so far (district-wise information may be furnished) ;

(*c*) whether it has come to their notice that the ryots are not very enthusiastic to go in for diesel engines on account of the very high working cost, particularly the cost of diesel oil ;

(*d*) whether they wood urge the Central Government to exempt the diesel oil used for agricultural purposes from taxes ?

A.—Sri H. C. BORIAH (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The number of diesel oil engines supplied in various districts is given in the statement given below.

(*c*) It has not come to the notice of the Government.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (*c*).